

# **George J. Langsdale letter S0805**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b>   | Rare Books and Manuscripts      |
| <b>Creator</b>      | Langsdale, George J., 1837-1903 |
| <b>Title</b>        | George J. Langsdale letter      |
| <b>Date</b>         | 1889/08/30                      |
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| <b>Language</b>     | English                         |
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## Biographical Note

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George J. Langsdale was born on November 25, 1837 in Indianapolis, Indiana to William and Catherine Langsdale. Though suffering from ill health, Mr. Langsdale organized Company L of the 3rd Cavalry, 45th Regiment Indiana Volunteers in 1862, and served as a first lieutenant. He married Mary Elizabeth Robert on August 13, 1863 and they had four children. He became the editor and owner of the *Greencastle Banner* and in 1875 presented the idea of erecting a monument on the Circle of Indianapolis to honor Indiana soldiers from the Civil War. He served as president of the State Soldiers & Sailors Monument Commission and lived to see the monument dedicated on May 15, 1902. Langsdale died on December 27, 1903.

Sources:

"End Comes to Active Life of G.J. Langsdale." *Indianapolis Star*, December 28, 1903.

Terrell, W.H.H. *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, Vol 2, 1861-1865*. Indianapolis: W.R. Holloway, 1865.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains a letter from George J. Langsdale to Professor Carl Barus, dated August 30, 1889, thanking the professor for participating in the laying of the cornerstone of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Aug. 22, 1889.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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- Correspondence

**Geographic Name(s)**

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

**Subject(s)**

- Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument (Indianapolis, Ind.)
- War memorials